reliance for procurement of power generating equipment continues to be placed on indigenous manufacturers. Import of power generation equipment is resorted to only to the extent that it becomes necessary to tap external financial assistance or where equipment is not available indigenously. While resorting to such imports, the interests of indigenous manufacturers are kept in view.

Tenders for Bijapur Petrochemical Complex

*152. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has invited tenders for implementing the Bijaipur Petrochemicals Complex alongwith HBJ Pipeline project; and

(b) what are the products to be manufactured by this project apart from Propylene-based products and LPG separation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) GAIL have submitted a proposal to Government for implementing a gas separation and petrochemical project at Bijaipur. The first stage clearance has been given and GAIL have been asked to prepare a project feasibility report.

(b) This propsal does not include production of any product other than, propylene and polypropylene Production of LPG at Bijaipur has also been proposed in a separate project.

Raids by DESU

*153. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enforcement branch of DESU recently conducted raids on induction furnace units in certain areas in Delhi for fraudulent abstraction of energy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number of cases (with names of the units) in which fictitious seals and load of the furnace in excess of the sanctioned load were detected; and

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government against these induction furnace units for fraudulent use of energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to DESU, premises of 33 induction furnaces were raided during the period July to October, 1988. Fictitious seals were detected on metering cubicles of 12 furnaces, the details of which are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House (see below). Other irregularities like misuse, excess load and subletting were noticed in respect of 10 other induction units.

(c) 10 criminal cases for fraudulent abstraction of Energy under Section 39 and 44 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910 have been registered with the police. Six of these cases are under investigation with the CBI. Penalty for misuse, excess load, sub-letting etc. is being levied in the case of other furnaces.

Statement

List of induction furnaces wherein fictitious seals on metering cubicals were detected

1. M/s. Saraf Steel (P) Ltd., Okhla Estate.
2. M/s. Alankar Metals (P) Ltd., Okhla Ph. I.

3. M/s. Mittal Casting Ltd., Okhla Ph. I.

4. M/s. Alliance Paints & Varnishing Works, Okhla Phase II.

5. M/s. Singla Trading & Leasing Ltd., Okhla Phase I.

6. M/s. Kwality Steel, Najafgarh Road.

7. M/s. Complex Steel, Wazirpur Indl. Area.

8. M/s. Steel Ball bearing (P) Ltd., Wazirpur Indl. Area.

9. M/s. Batra Steel, Okhla Ph. II.

10. M/s. Shagun Steel, C-17, SMA.

11. M/s. Bansal Metal Indl. (P) Ltd., G-6, Udyog Nagar, Nangloi.

12. M/s. Indraprastha Chemicals, Jhilmill, Shahdara.

Category II drugs

*154. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3287 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that list of category-II drugs drawn up by Kelkar Committee does not abound in non-essential drugs and also drugs which have marginal sales;

(b) what are the basis of considering Parachloro Metazylenol, Dichloromethaxylemol, Chlorhexidine etc. more essential than Diazepam which is used for Mental Health; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to appoint a Super Committee to identify essential drugs out of list of category-II drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Committee had drawn the list of drugs for inclusion under Category II from the model list of drugs of WHO and its own list of 166 drugs made from various representations received from consumers organisations etc.

(b) The Committee had recommended all the drugs referred to in the question for inclusion under Category II.

(c) No, Sir.

Scheme of voluntary retirement of workers and executives of public sector undertakings

*155. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new scheme of voluntary retirement of workers and executives has been announced recently for the public sector undertakings of the Central Government;

(b) if so, what is the period for which this offer is valid; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific period of validity has been prescribed for this Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

(c) Details of the scheme notified by the Government are given in the Statement.